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Assistant Maricopa County Manager, Joy Rich, Recognized by Home Builders Association as Local Official of the Year

Assistant Maricopa County Manager, Joy Rich, AICP, was recognized by the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona as Local Official of the Year. The award is given once a year to mayors, city officials and building officials who show commitment to the housing industry over time, work against opposition in an effort to support housing issues, or implement programs to assist or educate builders. Spencer Kamps, Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, nominated Ms. Rich.

For the past three years, Ms. Rich has served as Assistant County Manager of the Maricopa County Regional Development Services Agency. The agency comprises the county's Air Quality, Environmental Services, Emergency Management, Equipment Services, Facilities Management, Flood Control, Planning & Development, Transportation and Solid Waste departments. Ms. Rich also serves as Director of the Planning & Development Department, which provides land use planning, zoning, building permit, and code enforcement services to unincorporated Maricopa County. Before joining Maricopa County nine years ago, she previously worked for both the cities of Phoenix and Glendale.

She holds Bachelor of Science in Geography and Master of Public Administration degrees from Arizona State University. She is a member of the American Public Works Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission, and the County Planning Directors Association.

